A Word to Mothers.

[Exchange.]

I wish some one with the tongue of an angel could show mothers what opportunities they are loxing. I meet women in the street they after day, who have boys of 8 10, 19, or girls from 6 to 16, and yet these mothers are alone. How often do you see a young mother with her boy of 13, and younger ones, hauging about heri and what a beautiful sight every one finds it when they do see it!

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I remember, when a girl at school, having as a subject of composition, "Which is the Greater Incentive to Industry, the Fear of Punishment or the Hope of Reward?" How my young teacher must have smiled as she read my closing sentence, "I can't tell very well, as I always have the fear of punishment, but my children are going to have the hope of reward!" But now, a happy mother, with my boys about me, I endorse that girlish resolution. The hope of a hearty romp, a long, delightful walk, with a "penny round" for candy, has swept my sitting room, cleaned our door-yard, made a quiet, faithful nurse of a very unquiet, little 6-year-old, and helped me out of so many difficulties that I wonler more mothers do not try to meet the great necessity that exists among us all for play.

An Offended Poetess.

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[Inter Ocean.]

The funny man in Puck wrote that "Ella Wheeler Wilcox and her husband did not live happily together. It must be hard to have your wife constantly springing her poetry on you before turning it loose on the public." Mrs. Wilcox wrote a dignified rejoiner to this, closing with the following: "It does seem to me that in my private life, which is certainly quiet and respectable, I am entitled to the courtesy due any lady from American journalists. I know that the ms jority of public women, whether in literature, the drams, or other professions, are subjected to the same insults, and I think I voice the feelings of all in this letter. It seems to me it is time some manly journalist began a crusade again to the license of the press. Nowhere save in our vaunted republic are women subjected to this most unpleasant treatment—as crue as it is uncalled for. I feel that an apology is due us all." And the editor apologized handsonally. An Offended Postess.

handsomely.

The Latest Fancy.

[Godey's Magazine.]

Parisiennes have taken an extravagant affection for birds, which about equals the pug-dog mania now on the wans. The mania for birds is as strong as it was in the days of the Empress Josephine. In every fashionable boudoir you will find on a piush-covered table, amid books, reviews, bonbonnirs and feminine trifles of all kinds, a lovely case of carvail tory, tortoise shell. bonnirs and feminine trifles of all kinds, a lovely cage of carved ivory, tortoise shell, mother-of-pearl or chased silver, which imprisons two or more rare exotic birds, or a pair of green love birds. The seeds which they eat are held in a silver cup; they drink from little bowls of Bohemian glass. The bottom of the cage is sprinkled every morning with the saw-dust of a scented wood in place of sand.

Lastly, the rarest and most beautiful hothouse flowers are attached between the bars of the cage for the birds to smell and pluck to pieces with their bills. To what extravegance will fashion next lead her votaried. The cest of keeping a whole family moderately is trifling in comparison with what is now wasted on pets.

Familiarity Breeds Beauty, Too.

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[Exchange.]

After you come to know people very intimately, you do not know whether they are pretty or not. Their ways make an impression on you, but not their noses and ears, their eyes and mouths. In time the soul expresses itself to you, and it is that which you see. A man who has been married twenty years scarcely knows what his wife looks like. He may declare that he doe, and tell you that she is a bewitching little blonde, with soft blue eyes, long after she is fat and red and 40; because the image of his early love is in his heart, and he doesn't a cher as she is to-day, but as she was when he her as she is to-day, but as she was when he

Or, being an indifferent busband he may not know she is the fine woman that other people think her. You have known men who have married the plainest women as I think them heauties; and you know beauties who are quite thrown away on men who

Training for Her Station.

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(Chicago Herald.)

Five years ago a remarkably bright and pretty girl of 17 worked in a San Francisch laundry. The son of wealthy parents folin love with her. She returned his passion but said she would not marry him, as he wished, because she was uneducated and coarse. Then he offered to send her away to school. She accepted this offer. During the ensuing four years she was in a Montreal convent, very apt and studious. This training wrought all the change that was dedrable, and the wedding took place, with a long tour in Europe afterward. The comple returned to San Francisco lately. To saw that she had neither forgotten nor was show that she had neither forgotten nor was ashamed of her former employment, the bride gave a grant support to those of her old companions who could be brought to-

Mark Twain's Children.

Mark Twain's has written a letter in which he asserts that his children are wellbehaved, well governed, and occasionally charming, and he refers to Mrs. Harri-Bescher Stowe, Charles Dudley Warne and his other Hartford neighbors as we nesses. He attributes this goodness to it wife's training. He emphasizes the point her discipling that no promise is broken to the youngsters, whether it involves a while ping or a picule. In administering corpor punishment she invariably lets a few hou cution, so that uo anger on her part shall enter into the matter; and he affirms that the "child never goes away from the scene of torture until it has been loved back into happy-heartedness and a joyful spirit."

Cholera Infantum.

[Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.] Cholera infantum is quite as much a filt Cholera infantum is quite as much a filt i disease as Asiatic cholera; unwholesome or improper diet being the immediate cause and foul air and generally unsanitary surroundings the predisposing and aggravating condition. A good deal of real missionary work might be done among the poor in showing mothers how to save the lives of their infant children. Experienced physicians will tell them that care of the diat is everything, but nine mothers in ten need more explicit directions. Over-feeding, the aimost universal mistake of American mothers, is one prime cause of digestive amother, is one prime cause of digestive troubles, and doubtless many a fated baby might be saved by simply giving its over-taxed stomach long intervals of rest.

The Girlful Game of Cricket.

'The girlful game of cricket" flourishes in Englant. The other day a match between sieven of a well-known girls school in Surrey, and sleven of the ladies of the neighborhood took place. The ladies were their usual costume, and the school girls were attired in white tunics. Eton blue caps and sashes to match, black stockings and white knickerbockers. They also were red roses as a badge, while their opponents were white. The school were the victors—making as many as ninety-nine runs in their second innings—and retired amid great applaties, wearing the white roses of their opponents. [London Letter.]

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